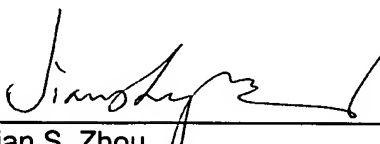


**REMARKS**

A new paragraph has been added immediately after the Title to contain cross-references to the prior patent applications. Claims 5, 7, 12, 13, 17, and 18 have been amended to more clearly point out and distinctly claim the invention. After these amendments are entered, eighteen (18) claims remain pending in this application.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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